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LETTER DATED 30 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you, with great concern, that despite all the measures taken by the world community the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Azerbaijani Republic is continuing. After the capture of the towns of Fizuli and Djebrail and other inhabited locations in the south-west of Azerbaijan, the Armenian army is stepping up its military activities in the direction of the Azerbaijani-Iran frontier.

The situation in the Kubatly district of Azerbaijan has become critical. Units of Armenia's armed forces have half encircled the district from three directions (the Goris district of the Republic of Armenia and the Lachin and Gadrut districts of Azerbaijan occupied by Armenia), using heavy armour, and are attacking the Azerbaijani positions. In the night of 28 August, after fierce and bloody fighting, the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia captured the village of Gyulyabir. The village of Basharat in the Kubatly district of Azerbaijan, captured on 27 August, has been completely burned down. The attack by the Armenian army in a southerly direction deep into the territory of Azerbaijan is continuing.

The situation in the Zangelan district of Azerbaijan also remains extremely complex. Throughout the night, inhabited areas in the district came under fire from the territory of the Kafan and Megri districts of Armenia. The main rocket and artillery attack was launched against Shaefly, with heavy destruction and many victims among the peaceful population.

In connection with the continued aggression by the Republic of Armenia against the Azerbaijani Republic, I request the Security Council to take the most effective measures to halt the capture of new territories and inhabited areas in Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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